

Registration No. 29944R

CHELTENHAM TOWN SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED

TRADING AS ROBINS TRUST

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

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SOCIETY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

TRUSTEES

L Hoenig
D Beesley
J Young
J Cooper
J Henderson
J Hancock
S Lear
S Watten
C Coleman

SECRETARY

J Cooper

REGISTERED OFFICE

135 Hewlett Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL52 6AU

REGISTERED NUMBER

29944R

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2022.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Trust is to represent the interests of the supporters and community in the running of Cheltenham Town Football Club.

Trustees

The trustees held office during the whole of the period under review were:

L Hoenig
D Beesley
J Young
J Cooper
J Henderson
J Hancock
S Lear
S Watten
C Coleman

Statement of Trustee' responsibilities

Company law requires the Society Board to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society and of the profit or loss of the society for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Society Board are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Society Board is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the society's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the society and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and the Friendly and Provident Societies Act 1968. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the board

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J Cooper
Secretary

Approved by the board on:

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

It has been a year of progression on almost all fronts for the Robins Trust.

After a number of challenging years where we worried about the future existence of effective supporter representation, it has been a real thrill to see positive progress on so many fronts.

In fact there have been so many, that it's difficult to know how to order them in this statement for fear of making some feel less important than others!

I feel I have to start with our Trust's ongoing assistance to the Government's Fan Led Review of Football Governance – something that will hopefully be transformative to our trust and the sport.

In June 2021, Dave Beesley and I presented to Tracey Crouch MP and her review panel as part of the League One and League Two delegation from the Football Supporters Association.

The review's findings were published in November 2021 and that report presented real hope for the seismic change to football that is needed.

Through our close working relationship with the FSA and other supporters trusts we will continue to support the need for independent regulation of football and further changes in the coming years.

We are also incredibly proud to have been able to play a part in the launch of Proud Robins, the club's first LBGQT+ and allies representative group.

Since that launch in December 2021, Proud Robins and the Robins Trust have worked together on an immediate response to alleged homophobic behaviour at a match against Charlton in January 2022.

Working quickly alongside colleagues at the Charlton Athletic Supporters Trust and representatives at Cheltenham Town, we produced a joint statement condemning the behaviour.

It was a true example of supporters uniting in a cause that they believe in. Our thanks to our colleagues at Charlton for their help and support.

Proud Robins and The Robins Trust also met with the club before the appointment of Marcus Bignot as first-team coach to outline our concerns following his publicised FA charge.

It was undoubtedly a difficult subject to tackle, but I am proud of the mature and considered way both the Trust and Proud Robins made those concerns known in a clear and professional way.

I am also incredibly proud of the quite magnificent work of the supporter liaison team of Jenny Hancock, Dave Hardy and Chris Russell.

There have been difficult issues to raise with the club over the past year, and our insurances for improvements have not always been met with a happy response.

However, Jenny and her team do outstanding voluntary work for the club, providing a vital link between the supporters and club.

Jenny was absolutely deserving of the Club Person of the Year award in April – she may have even forgiven us for promoting her for it by now!

I would also like to pay public thanks to Trust board member Jaimie Henderson and his partner Martina, for producing an outstanding fans' guide to Whaddon Road.

This document is now shared on a regular basis with away supporters via our SLO team and has proved to be a welcome resource for home, away and first-time fans. Thank you Jaimie and Martina.

Jaimie was also heavily involved in producing the first in our range of retro shirts, working alongside fellow Trust board members Chris Coleman and Si Watten.

The result was fantastic and the first sales run was really encouraging. Retro shirts have long been demanded by Cheltenham Town fans and we are really pleased with the initial results.

Watch this space for more in the coming year...

I also have to praise the work of Dave Beesley, our Fan Elected Director for the past four years – and, happily, next two years too.

Dave has an often-thankless task in being beholden to two very different masters as a director of our club as well as the elected representative of the supporters.

Over some truly testing times, I can say with 100% confidence, he has acted with outstanding patience, humility and responsibility. He is a fantastic asset to the Trust and Club.

I would also like to thank all the members of the Trust board who have served over the past 12 months.

All of the trustees of our society are involved because of their love for the club and for their desire to help it thrive.

That can lead to frustration at times, but I can say – again with 100% confidence – that the Trust board is stronger, more skilled and quite simply better than it ever has been.

Our revamped membership subscription portal was another notable highlight of the year and is so far earning more than £250 per month on top of standard membership subscriptions.

We are turning a profit once again, despite a further £5,000 investment in the club. After difficult years through Covid, the Trust is up and running again as an investor in our club.

It is with great pride that we are on course to break through the £300,000 investment barrier in the club over the next year.

Our Trust has never been in a stronger position as we enter what could – and hopefully will be – a transformational year.

James Young

Chair, Cheltenham Town Supporters Society Ltd. November 9, 2022.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Cheltenham Town Supporters Society Limited on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts for the year ended 31 May 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The society's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the society is entitled to opt out of an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion. This report is made to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to the society's members that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members, as a body, for our work or for this report.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the society, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the society as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) The accounts, including the revenue account and balance sheet, are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the society under s75 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;
- (b) Having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records the revenue account and balance sheet comply with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; and
- (c) For the preceding year of account, the financial criteria for the exercise of the power conferred by section 84 were met in relation to the year.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Justine Day FMAAT
Mosaic Accounting Limited

Date: 7th November 2022

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Membership subscriptions & lapsed Shares	1,449		401	
Adjustment in last year's subscriptions	-		(1,051)	
Profits on fundraising	<u>-</u>		<u>573</u>	
		1,449		(77)
Deferred Income				
Adjustment in deferred income		4,134		-
		<u>5,583</u>		<u>(77)</u>
Expenditure				
Printing, postage and stationery	187		-	
Charity donations	-		1,400	
Membership Fees	-		-	
Legal and Professional costs	-		-	
Sundry expenses	<u>190</u>		<u>40</u>	
		377		1,440
		<u>5,206</u>		<u>(1,517)</u>
Amounts written off investments				
Amount written off shares in Cheltenham Town Football Club Limited		<u>(3,334)</u>		<u>-</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)		<u>1,872</u>		<u>(1,517)</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Investments		97,738		96,072
CURRENT ASSETS				
Prepayments	-		-	
Debtors	-		-	
Cash at Bank	<u>7,379</u>		<u>11,307</u>	
		7,379		11,307
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>-</u>		<u>(228)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		105,117		107,151
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>-</u>		<u>(3,906)</u>
NET ASSETS		105,117		103,245
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called up share capital		350		350
Profit and loss account		<u>104,767</u>		<u>102,895</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		105,117		103,245

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

J Cooper
Treasurer & Secretary

J Young
Chairman

Approved by the Society Board on

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Cheltenham Town Supports Society is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales, registration number 29944R. The registered office is 135 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, Gloucs, GL52 6AU.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the Society qualifies as a small company.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of services, excluding value added tax.

3. OPERATING PROFIT

No items were charged to arrive at the profit on ordinary activities which need to be disclosed

4. AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts written off shares in Cheltenham Town Football Club Limited	3,334	-
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5. TAXATION

The society is treated for corporation tax purposes as being mutually trading and is not liable to UK corporation tax on its profits. Corporation tax is chargeable on non-mutual income including investment income but no provision for corporation tax is necessary for this period. No provision for deferred taxation is made if there is reasonable evidence that such deferred taxation will not be payable in the foreseeable future.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022
	£
Cost	
As at 1 June 2022	96,072
Additions	5,000
Amounts written off	(3,334)
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	97,738

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022 (CONTINUED)

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

At the start of the year the Trust owned 192,144 ordinary shares of 50p each at a total cost of £291,644. In 2022 the Trust purchased 3,333 shares at the cost of £5,000. At the end of the year the Trust owned £195,477 shares at an original cost, pre revaluation, of £296,644. The new shares were revalued and £3,334 was written off their value. As noted in the prior year accounts, although there is a limited market for these shares there is consistent evidence of demand for shares in football clubs generally. The Trust recognises that they may not be able to dispose of these shares at full value at short notice hence valuing them at the nominal value of £0.50 per share opposed to the price paid averaging £1.50 per share. The Trust Board will continue to review the value of the investment in the accounts on an annual basis.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors and accrued income	-	-

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income	-	228

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income	-	3,906

10. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Each member of the society owns one ordinary share of £1 in the society which is not transferable. The share is cancelled if an individual ceases to be a member.

Junior members cannot hold shares in the society nor have any voting rights.

At 31 May 2022, the society had 262 full members.

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11. RESERVES

	Profit and Loss Account £
Opening reserves	102,895
Retained profit for the year	1,872
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	104,767
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12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS

	£
Profits for the financial year	1,872
Increase in share capital	0
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	1,872
Opening shareholders' fund	102,895
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	104,767
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